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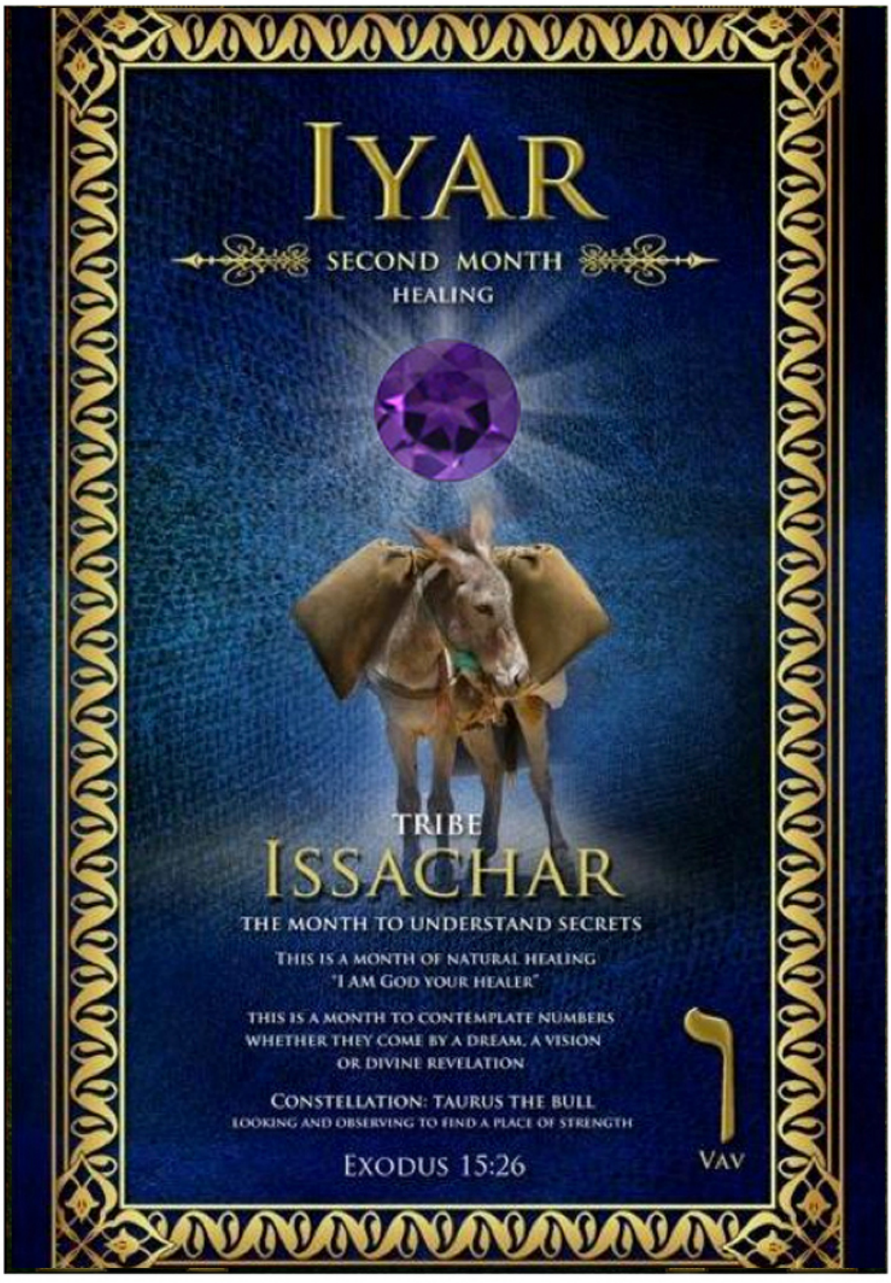

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2nd Month of God's Calendar
Iyar (Apr/May)

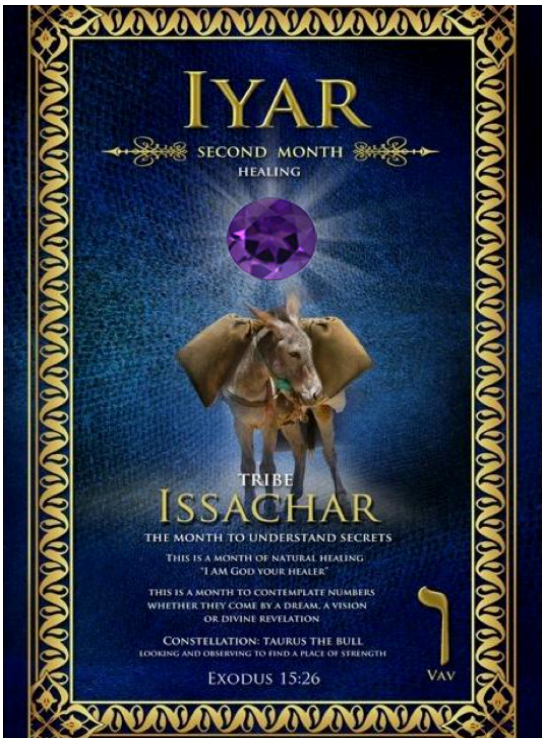
Iyar is the Spring Month Associated with Issachar

Iyar Is The 2nd Month

To Making It To The Mountain And Getting Through Testing

Issachar means 'he will bring a reward' and '*nasa'* meaning to lift, to advance arise, bring forth, carry away, lofty. The second root word means payment of contract, salary, fare, hire, price, reward, wages

Rev. 22:12 *And, behold, I come quickly; and my reward is with me, to give every man according as his work shall be.*



Iyar Is A Crucial Month

- ❖ It's a month of healing.
- ❖ It was in Iyar that God first revealed Himself as Healer.
- ❖ It also a month to understand God's secrets.

Iyar is a transition month. It was when Israel transitioned from Egypt to Sinai. A transition from redemption at Passover to supernatural provision at Pentecost.

Iyar Is In The 1st Season, Spring

SPRING SEASON

The three months of the spring season – **Nissan** Mar/Apr, **Iyar** Apr/May, **Sivan** May/Jun – correspond to the three tribes of the camp of Judah – **Judah, Issachar and Zebulun** who were situated to the east of the Tabernacle in the wilderness. These three are the first group to lead out onto the battlefield before the rest of the tribes of Israel.

- **In the First Month, Nissan** God wants to reconfirm your covenant in at the.
- **In the Second Month, Iyar** God wants to reveal the secrets of His covenant
- **In the Third Month, Sivan** God then wants to bring you into a whole new level of Pentecost.

Iyar Is The Month Of Issachar

> *1Chron 12:22-32 "Day after day, men came to help David…men of Judah…men of Simeon…men of Levi… men of Benjamin AND men of Issachar who understood the times and who knew what Israel should do."*

Many men came to help David. But only the men of Issachar *"understood the times*." God is looking for a prophetic people who understand the times and days we are living in. To walk with an Issachar anointing means that you live in tune with God. That your life is aligned with God's timing. When you are living in sync with God's rhythm, you don't miss your God opportunities. This means you have sense of what God is doing in times you live in, and know what to do to flow with His plan.

Iyar Is A Month Of Testing

There is a timing for testing. If you are going through a time of testing it's good to know it. *("I must be going through a testing")* It is important to recognize when you are in a time of testing and it's important to understand the issue of the test. And it's important to understand that there is a time for testing to end.

When Israelites left Egypt, God promised them the land of Canaan, they had to spend some time at Mount Sinai. Now they had experienced Passover in Egypt, but Sinai is where they would experience Pentecost. Sinai was the place of His presence. It's where He would reveal His glory and give them fresh revelation. So God took them to the mountain where they would be equipped for their walk with God and prepared them for a life of victory. So going from Egypt to Sinai meant passing through testing. To enter into their promise, their faith had to grow. Faith grows when it is tested.

1. The Red Sea stopped them from crossing over.
2. Marah – a three day journey and were traveling without water – but they find an oasis, but the water was bitter. What are we to drink? The people complained and grumbled. The issue was 'disappointment, unfulfilled expectations'. God told Moses to pick up a stick and put it in the water…It was healed. It was there that God gave the this promise, I not only heal water, I also heal people. "If you listen to My voice: I will keep you well…for I am the LORD Who heals you. Yahweh Rapha

   God wants you to gain a new level of faith for healing. This is what the month of Iyar is about. God wants you to gain a new level of faith for healing. To know him as Yahweh Rapha.
3. Test at Elim (Ex 15) – How to respond to 'blessings'. When God blesses, He is looking for a response of thankfulness. When things were bad, Israel was quick to complain. So the question is, would they be quick to praise him with a thankful heart. They failed the test. No praise at Elim. Elim should have strengthened their faith for the rest of the journey. The key to increasing your faith, when God brings you to a time of refreshing, be sure your heart overflows with praise.

   Deut 28:47
4. They camped in the wilderness of sin. Their provisions were running low. By this time they should have been learning of the goodness of God; learning to trust. Their issue in the wilderness of Sin was 'failure to ask'. But instead they murmured instead of ask. God showed is ability to provide. In the morning the ground was covered with what looked like small white seeds. Manna. What is it? Manna. God was able to show that he could meet their needs, if they would only trust Him.

5. Then they came to Rephidim (no water). Exodus 17, there was no water to drink, so they quarreled with Moses. *"Give us water to drink."* The issue at Rephidim is that they could not see any way God could provide. All they could see was dead dry rocks. So they went into hopelessness, unbelief and self-pity.

   God was testing them to see if they would trust. They should have said, *"Lord I am excited to see how you will solve this one."* Instead they grumbled. God said Moses go hit that rock over there, and water gushed out. He provided for them even when they did not trust Him.

So finally Israel made it through the tests and reached Sinai. They did not pass all of the tests, but they make it through. That's called Grace. God got them through the desert and down to Mount Sinai. And God's glory came down at Pentecost.

This is the walk that God has you on as he takes you from Passover (redemption) through the desert and down to Pentecost. A time of power and glory and revelation.

Issachar's anointing says get used to it. There is always testing before the promise. So if you experience testing in the month of Iyar, choose to believe God. Keep moving forward. Don't murmur and complain. Choose to believe that God will be good to you. God wants you to make it to the mountain this month.

Iyar Is A Month of Firstfruit's Harvest

The Israelites would bring a firstfruits offering of EVERY crop! There were firstfruits offerings all through the year. Our Heavenly Father is the tiller of the field and the agriculture it produces shows His great love to prosper us both physically and spiritually.

> From the time of the Old Testament, God instituted the firstfruit's offering. Firstfruits appear in both the Old and New Testaments and are talked about in relation to both spiritual and physical offerings. Offering firstfruits when we receive an increase is a demonstration of our faith in God as the true source of our provision. James said that unless faith produces action it really isn't faith at all (James 2:17) The first fruits offering is one way to activate our faith in God as our provider.

The dry season is now beginning with most clear skies in this month. The harvest of early wheat begins in Iyar.

The Feast of Firstfruits begins with the month of Nissan but continues through Iyar and on to Sivan, Pentecost. They are connected and should never be separated. The bread was essential to Israel. In truth barley is not food for humans though it can be eaten and is by the poor, or times of famine. Therefore when the barley crop at Nissan was successful, there followed a seven-week period before the ripening of the main crop – the wheat.

The Feast of Firstfruits is on Iyar 1.

The Tribe of Issachar's Month Is Sivan

Symbol For Issachar Is The Donkey

Issachar's great strength spiritually. The Issacharite was born to bear heavy burdens (burden-bearers) both their and others at the same time. They will keep these burdens to themselves, not always sharing them. They are the carriers of the cross.

God has given him an inbuilt strength. The donkey is a beast of burden, the humble vehicle that was chosen by Jesus to bring Himself, the King of Israel into Jerusalem.

Issachar's Gemstone: Amethyst - Violet or purple variation of quartz

It was believed when a person drank from a cup made of Amethyst that the stone would protected its owner from intoxication.

It is symbolic of the balance and poise in the life of the Issacharite. The Issacharite manifests natural healing when dealing with processing thoughts, dealing with the conscience of the soul, and received spiritual advise.

The Hebrew Letter Associated With Iyar - *VAV*

Alphabet: VAV Means "connection, linking, tent peg". 6th letter in the alphabet with the numeric value of 6.

In the tabernacle, Exodus 27:9-10, the hooks (vav) of silver fastened to posts that were used to curtain the enclosed tabernacle. The picture of the Vav is a picture of man. Since Vav represent the number 6, it is a type of man. Since Vav represent the number 6, it is a type of man. Man created on the 6th day. **Man works for six days.** Six millennia before the coming of Messiah. The beast is identified as the number of man '666'

When The Tribes Marched Through The Wilderness

Issachar, the Spiritual and Physical Warriors, were the first group to go out in the marching line along with Judah and Zebulun. This was a ***strategic position***! These tribes had to be prepared to confront the enemy eye to eye. This month you will have enemies to face and overcome.

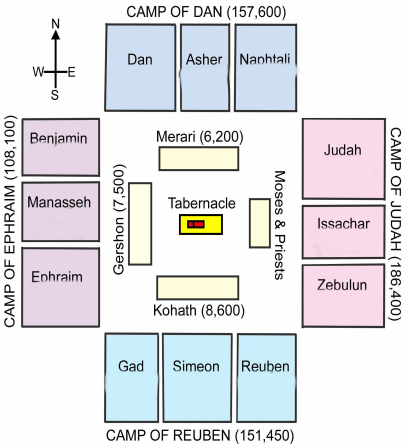
In 1Chron 1:40, in David's new kingdom, they brought supplies for a great feast. First of all, there was bread on asses. They brought, meat, flour, grain, figs, raisins, wine, oil, oxen and sheep in abundance. Zebulunites and Issacharites and Naphtalites, are very generous people. They have a giving heart. David's kingdom was new and they stood behind it and believed in it and sacrificed for it to make it grow.

When They Camped Around The Tabernacle

Issachar was again given a ***strategic position*** with Judah and Issachar, guarding the entrance, the gate to the sanctuary. Issachar was located on the east side of the tabernacle together with Zebulun and Judah.

Issachar was a tribe known for it's anointing to understand the time and to understand secrets. Issachar carried the mark of servitude and of being hired and paid for, upon their lives. Issachar is a 'born servant.' He is born to serve. He is a servant of humility.

Issacharites are burden-bearers. They also have a natural love "to lift off, to raise up, to carry away, lofty, high, etc." Issachars are careful, deliberate, cautious, and not easily excited or disturbed. They keep "cool" under pressure, especially when they are in loft, high places.



Arrangement of the Camp of Israel
Numbers 2:1-3:39

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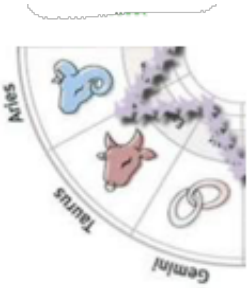
2. Iyar
Ziv 29 Days
Tribe of Issachar
(April/May)



Note: The constellations were created by God as seen in Genesis. They were never designed for the Devils use. The Mazzaroth has nothing to do with today's fortune telling with Horoscopes or your birthday. They are pictures to in God's creation to see what He is saying to His tribes of Israel.

Mazzaroth: Constellations

2nd Constellation: Taurus (THE BULL)

Looking and observing to find a place of strength.

Iyar is associated with the tribe of Issachar which known for it's anointing to understand the time and to understand secrets.

This month is linked with light, which signifies increased revelation. Ask God to reveal secrets, deep things this month. Let God reveal His Covenant to you at a new level of reality.

To find fish with money in its mouth to pay their taxes.

It is possible that the first six constellations may be prophetically speaking of the 1st Coming of Messiah Jesus and the last 6 constellations are speaking of the 2nd Coming of Messiah Jesus.

Can you bring forth Mazzaroth in his season?

Job 38:31: *Can you bind the sweet influences of Pleiades, or loose the bands of Orion?*
32: *Can you bring forth* ***Mazzaroth*** *in his season? or can you guide Arcturus with his sons?*

Strongs 4216 mazzarah maz-zaw-raw' apparently from 5144 in the sense of distinction; some noted constellation (only in the plural), perhaps collectively, the zodiac:-- Mazzoroth.

The word's precise meaning is uncertain but its context is that of astronomical constellations, and it is often interpreted as a term for the zodiac or the constellations thereof.

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'Mazzaroth' is the Hebrew word for 'constellation.'

Genesis 1:14 *And God said, Let there be lights in the firmament of the heaven to divide the day from the night; and let them be for signs, and for seasons, and for days, and years:*

God created the seasons into 12 months. He painted twelve signs in the night sky, standing out like jeweled hieroglyphics. Josephus said that the Ancient Persian and Arabian traditions credit the invention of astronomy to Adam, Seth and Enoch.

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My Sources and Challenge:

These are my notes that I have created over the years from several sources. They are not intended for publication. They are simply my notes that I am willing to share regarding the Tribes of Israel and the Months of God's Calendar as I have seen fit to put together.

In the early 2000's, I began attending moves of God all over the nation and into Canada to hear from God and what He was saying. From Brownsville revival in Florida to Toronto Airport Christian Fellowship, on into the middle of the US and then onto Fresh Fire in Canada and down to California. All the time hearing pieces of revelation on God's Holy Days and Feasts. The Lord has been leading me continually, learning this precious truth of His people Israel and our prophetic link to them.

I believe that we have experienced the Feast of Passover and the Feast of Pentecost, but, oh but, not the Feast of Tabernacles. This feast as the first two are for all of Israel and I a gentile, have been grafted into the blood of Jesus, the nation of Israel.

I encourage you to seek the ancient paths and see what God wrote for us to walk in. The revelation of the tribes anchors our faith and releases us to His Calling in Christ Jesus.

***Jeremiah 18:15**: Because my people hath forgotten me, they have burned incense to vanity, and they have caused them to stumble in their ways **from the ancient paths**, to **walk in paths**, in a way not cast up;*

***Jeremiah 6:16-17:** Thus said the LORD, Stand you in the ways, and see, and ask for the old paths, where is the good way, and walk therein, and you shall find rest for your souls. But they said, **We will not walk therein.** Also I set watchmen over you, saying, **Listen to the sound of the trumpet. But they said, We will not listen**.*

Said of George Mueller, 1839
"This wide awake servant of God, watched the signs of the times, and while others slept, followed the Lords signal of advance."

Some of my resources:

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